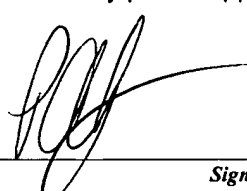
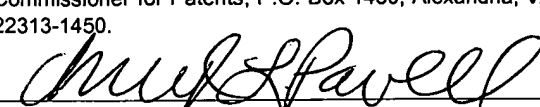


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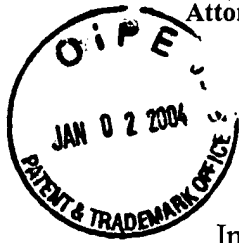
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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In response to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2003, kindly enter the following amendments:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.